

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 DUBLIN 02786 301639Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00
PA-02 ICA-20 SP-02 /047 W
-----021680 311202Z /50

R 301637Z AUG 78
FM AMEMBASSY DUBLIN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0969
INFO AMCONSUL BELFAST
AMEMBASSY LONDON

UNCLAS DUBLIN 02786

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PGOV, PINT, EI, UK
SUBJECT: IRISH TIMES ON POSSIBLE UK ELECTION

1. INFLUENTIAL IRISH TIMES EDITORIAL AUGUST 30 STATES A UK GENERAL ELECTION NOW SEEMS IMMINENT. IT STATES THE ELECTION DEBATE WILL CONCENTRATE ON THE ECONOMY, AND SAYS THAT "THE POCKETS OF EVERYONE HERE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE SUCCESS RATE OF THE NEXT BRITISH GOVERNMENT, WHETHER LABOR OR CONSERVATIVE, IN CONTROLLING THE INFLATION RATE IN THE COMING YEAR." NOTING THAT TRADITIONAL IRISH ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE ON THE UK HAS DECLINED SINCE BOTH JOINED THE EEC (AND THAT MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF IRISH EXPORTS WENT TO COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THE UK FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 1977), THE EDITORIAL ADDED THAT, NONE-THELESS, IRELAND STILL CATCHES A COLD WHEN BRITAIN SNEEZES.

2. THE IRISH TIMES HAD POINTED WORDS FOR MRS. THATCHER ON ANGLO-IRISH RELATIONS: "POLITICALLY, ANGLO-IRISH RELATIONS MAY BE MORE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY A CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT AT WESTMINSTER. BECAUSE
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 DUBLIN 02786 301639Z

OF THE NORTH, RELATIONS BETWEEN DUBLIN AND LONDON HAVE REQUIRED VERY SENSITIVE HANDLING. SINCE ELECTED LEADER OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY, MRS. THATCHER HAS NOT EVEN BOTHERED TO VISIT DUBLIN TO ESTABLISH A CONCERN FOR CO-OPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP. LIKE MR. HEATH BEFORE HER, SHE MAY HAVE TO LEARN THE HARD WAY THAT IT PAYS TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH,

RATHER THAN COLD-SHOULDER, HER COUNTRY'S NEXT-
DOOR NEIGHBOR."

3. COMMENT: THE EDITORIAL REFLECTS CONTINUING
AND FAIRLY PREVALENT UNEASE HERE ABOUT THE
POLICIES AND IMPACT OF A THATCHER GOVERNMENT
ON THE SENSITIVE NORTHERN IRELAND ISSUE. SHANNON

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, NATIONAL ELECTIONS, NEWSPAPERS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 30 aug 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 jan 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978DUBLIN02786
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780355-1293
Format: TEL
From: DUBLIN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780810/aaaaahre.tel
Line Count: 69
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 28b48457-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 mar 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1538185
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: IRISH TIMES ON POSSIBLE UK ELECTION
TAGS: PGOV, PINT, EI, UK
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/28b48457-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014